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**IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A hot stone therapy apparatus for applying hot stone therapy to a person,  
2 comprising:

3 at least one elongated flexible member; and

4 a plurality of stones connected to each other by means of the at least one elongated flexible member  
5 to provide the hot stone therapy apparatus, wherein the at least one elongated flexible member is embedded  
6 in the stones, wherein the stones are capable of storing heat energy,  
7 whereby the distribution of the plurality of stones permit self-application of the stones about a desired area  
8 of a person's body.

Claim 2. (*Original*) The hot stone therapy apparatus of claim 1, wherein the stones are natural river stones.

1 Claim 3. (*Currently Amended*) The hot stone therapy apparatus of claim 1, wherein ~~the mechanism of~~  
2 ~~attachment between~~ the at least one elongated flexible member is embedded in and the stones is by a means  
3 selected from the group consisting of: drill and screw, drill and glue, drill and pressure fit, and drill and  
4 anchor mechanism of attachment.

1 Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A The hot stone therapy apparatus of claim 1 for applying hot stone  
2 therapy to a person, comprising:

3 at least one elongated flexible member, wherein the at least one elongated flexible member forms  
4 a duplex arrangement; and

5 a plurality of stones connected to each other by means of the at least one elongated flexible member  
6 to provide the hot stone therapy apparatus, wherein the stones are capable of storing heat energy;

7 whereby the distribution of the plurality of stones permit self-application of the stones about a  
8 desired area of a person's body.

1 Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The hot stone therapy apparatus of claim 1, wherein the hot stone therapy  
2 apparatus is a shoulder hot stone therapy apparatus consisting of five stones connected in series by  
3 elongated flexible members, two of said five stones being end stones adapted to rest against a person's  
4 chest, the elongated flexible members connecting the end stones to the other three stones adapted to rest  
5 on a person's upper back; whereby, the two end stones are not directly connected to each other by an  
6 elongated flexible member and whereby, the person can walk about while wearing the shoulder hot stone  
7 therapy apparatus.

1 Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The hot stone therapy apparatus of claim 1, wherein the hot stone therapy  
2 apparatus is a neck hot stone therapy apparatus consisting of three stones connected in series, wherein the  
stones are arranged to provide hot stone therapy to a person's neck.

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1 Claim 7. (*Currently Amended*) The hot stone therapy apparatus of claim 1, wherein the hot stone therapy  
2 apparatus is a hip hot stone therapy apparatus consisting of two stones, wherein the stones are arranged  
3 to provide hot stone therapy to a person's hip.

1 Claim 8. (*Currently Amended*) The hot stone therapy apparatus of claim 1, wherein the hot stone therapy  
2 apparatus is a spine hot stone therapy apparatus consisting of four stones connected in series, wherein the  
3 stones are arranged to provide hot stone therapy to a person's spine.

1 Claim 9. (*Currently Amended*) A hot stone therapy apparatus for applying hot stone therapy to a person,  
2 comprising:

3 an at least one elongated flexible member; and  
4 a plurality of stones connected to each other by means of the at least one elongated flexible member  
5 to provide the hot stone therapy apparatus, wherein the at least one elongated flexible member is embedded  
6 in the stones, wherein the stones are capable of storing heat energy, whereby the distribution of the plurality  
7 of stones permit distribution of the stones about a person's body without substantially affecting the mobility  
8 of the person.

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1 Claim 10. (*Currently Amended*) The hot stone therapy apparatus of claim 9, wherein the stones are  
2 arranged to provide a shoulder hot stone therapy apparatus consisting of five stones connected in series  
3 by elongated flexible members, two of said five stones being end stones adapted to rest against the front  
4 of a person, the elongated flexible members connecting the end stones to the other three stones adapted  
5 to rest of the person's back, whereby the two end stones are not directly connected to each other by an  
6 elongated flexible member, wherein the stones are arranged to provide hot stone therapy to a person's  
7 shoulders.

1 Claim 11. (*Original*) The hot stone therapy apparatus of claim 9, wherein the stones are natural river  
2 stones.

Claims 12-20. (*Cancelled*).

1 Claim 21. (*New*) The hot stone therapy apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one elongated flexible  
2 member forms a duplex arrangement.